Demands for Supplementary Grants.

1. II—A—2—Farm Operations—T. A.—Rs. 600

Mr. I. Raman Menon:— I beg to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 600 under 'II—A—2—Farm Operations-Travelling Allowance'.

The actuals of 1104 were Rs. 2,395—2—0. The allotment for 1105 is only Rs. 1,800. The actuals up to the end of Medam were Rs. 1,719—2—0.

The necessity for the additional allotment now applied for is due to the increased touring work of the staff in connection with the Exhibition held at Chittur, Agricultural tour of the Farm Manager with pupil teachers to Coimbatore, Thalipa-ramba, etc. The Specialists attached to the Farm had also more touring work in connection with work in the cocoanut tracts to check pests. The laying out of the Irwin Park kept the Mycologist at Ernakulam for a long time.

The Government orders that all applications for additional allotments should be made before the Meenam Session of the Council will hereafter be strictly followed.

I request that the additional allotment of Rs. 600 applied for may be sanctioned.

Motion No. 1.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 600 for II—A—2-Farm Operations by Re. 1.*

As the Member was not present, the motion was considered withdrawn.

Motion No. 2.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 600 for II-A—2—Farm Operations by Rs. 100.*

As Mr. Salem did not move his cut motion, the same was considered withdrawn.

Motion for the grant put and agreed to.

2. III—Co-operative Societies—Establishment—Rs. 1,682, T. A.—Rs. 500, Service Labels—Rs. 50.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.— I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 2,232 under the head 'III—Co-operative Societies'. The minor sub-heads under which the additional allotments are necessary and the amount in each case are Establishment charges—Rs. 1,682, T. A.—Rs. 500 and Service Lables—Rs. 50. The first two were necessitated by the revision of pay recently ordered, and the addition of one Inspector and his staff. Of course, under the third item the increase is simply due to the increase in the volume of correspondence. Naturally these three items could not be anticipated at the preparation of

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the budget. Hence the necessity for this additional allotment. They were also scrutinised by the Standing Finance Committee. I request that this may be passed.

Motion No. 1.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—*To reduce the allotment of of Rs. 500 under III—Co-operative Societies—T. A.—by Re. 1.*

As the Member was absent, the motion was considered withdrawn.

Question proposed: *'That the grant asked for be granted.'*

Question put and agreed to.

3. XI—Registration—F—T. A.—Rs. 380.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Sir, I move for an additional allotment of Rs. 380 under 'XI—Registration—F—T. A.' The sanctioned budget allotment for the year is Rs. 4,120. The expenditure incurred under this head up to 24—11—1105 is Rs. 3,981—11—0. There remains only Rs. 138—5—0 for the remaining period of the year, which, of course, is not sufficient. The excess expenditure, I may state, is due to the increased rate of daily allowance allowed to the peons under the revised scheme. The daily allowance has been raised from as. 4 to as. 6 a day and bus charges have also been allowed. That accounts for the increase. Also it is partly accounted for by some unavoidable transfers of some of these clerks and peons to bring into effect the revised scheme. I request that the sum of Rs. 380 may, therefore, be sanctioned.

Motion No. 1.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 380 for 'XI—Registration—T. A.' by Re. 1.*

As the Member was absent, the motion was considered withdrawn.

Motion No. 2.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 380 under XI—Registration—T. A. by Re. 1.*

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I don't press.

Hence the motion was considered withdrawn.

Question proposed: *'That the grant be granted.'*

Question put and agreed to.

4. XIII—General Administration—IV—Legislative Council—T. A.—Rs. 750.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Sir, I rise to move for an additional grant of Rs. 750 under 'XIII-IV-Legislative Council-T. A.' The budget grant of Rs. 7,000 for the current year has exhausted, and bills to the extent of over Rs. 550 are pending payment for want of allotment. Besides, T. A. bills for attend-

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ing Select Committee meetings are expected. To provide for all these an additional allotment of Rs. 750 roughly is necessary. I request that it may be passed. The demand was considered and passed by the Standing Finance Committee.

Motion No. 1.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 750 for XIII—IV—Legislative Council—T. A. by Re. 1.*

As the Member was absent, the motion was considered withdrawn.

Motion No. 2.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—*To omit the allotment of Rs. 750 for XIII—IV—Legislative Council—T. A.*

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Sir, I rise to move for the omission of the allotment of Rs. 750 for XIII—IV—Legislative Council—Travelling Allowance. You know, Sir, that last year this Council at the Budget Session refused to grant any money for the continuance of this Legislative Council in the manner in which it is being continued. During the first Council itself the citizens of Cochin were not satisfied with the constitution of the Legislative Council granted to them, and we made every effort possible to improve matters by going through constitutional methods that were open to us. We submitted a petition to the Diwan inside this Council itself praying for the grant of supplementary powers of questioning from all non-official Members and for the bifurcation of the functions of the Diwan and that of the President of the Legislative Council, for throwing open to election the office of the Deputy President of the Council and for the separation of the services from the legislature. We went in deputation thereafter to His Highness and submitted a petition for these self-same reforms; but all our efforts still stand only in the stage of attempts. We know the difficulties under which our Government labour, and we know also the difficulties under which the Paramount Power labour with regard to the question of Indian States and their reforms. While we realise all that, we say that every person has a right to be treated as he deserves, and every State in India has a right to be treated as she deserves! There is no area on the Globe, I should say, that is so far advanced as the Cochin State in the matter of literacy of its population. We have in our State, which has only about 612 square miles of inhabitable area, the remaining being forests, over 716 schools—more than a school to a square mile! We have also amidst us highly educated persons who have gone out of Cochin to foreign parts and who have qualified themselves. There is no dearth of any professional qualifications in Cochin, no dearth of knowledge, and we are a most law-abiding

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population. In our Jails, Sir, I may tell you that you cannot get 200 people in a day, and most of them are there for petty offences. There is no criminal tribe within Cochin and crime is unknown, I may say, crime of the larger kind. With all these advancements, if we find that our advancement is not taken note of by the powers that be, what can we say when you come and ask us for money to carry on something? That is the only occasion on which we can have a say on these matters. We said that this Legislative Council is only performing the functions of a critic, nothing more., If that is the only function of the Legislative body, then we cannot ask for anything. But we are told that this Council has been instituted in order to associate the non-officials of the State more and more with the Government of their country. I would not go through the points that I have traversed last year but say that the decisions of this Council, even when it has been unanimous in its recommendations, have not been acted upon by the Government, the Government having their own view in the matter. We differ; and we do not feel sorry that the Government have acted as they have done, because, constituted as they are, they cannot but do that. But there is a divurgence of opinion between the non-official body sitting in this Council and the official body sitting inside this Council. We ask, Sir, where in a well-ordered State can you get the servants of the Government to dictate the policy of the Government? That is the point. The servants of the State are public servants intended to perform certain functions and to carry out the policy dictated to them by the Government of the land. The Government of the land everywhere consists of persons who come there byway of elections—where there is Responsible Government—or who come there by appointment. What functions inside a Legislative Council can the servants of a Government perform ? This anomaly has been understood by us. It is very difficult for us to rectify matters because we have not only to please our State authorities but we must also be recognised by the Paramount Power. Therefore, I have taken this opportunity on a motion like this to speak a little at length. We have here the worthy representative of the Paramount Power watching us to tell us whether we do not deserve what we ask. If we deserve what we ask, it will be the bounden duty of all concerned to help us to facilitate our way towards progress and the progressive realisation of Responsible Government in our State. We have been agitating in South India at Trivandrum in the States Peoples' Conference and at Madras at the States Subjects' Conference for instalments of Responsible Government. We do not mind, if you do not give us the whole of matters known as Responsible Government. Whatever you give, let it be part of that Respon-

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sible Government. Let it not be said that we are inside *a mock Parliament*, a Parliament which has got only an outside show and really no power. That is our grievance. We have absolutely no power of the purse at all, although it has been told us from the inauguration day downwards that the power is with us. But we have realised, and we have made every attempt to make others also realise, that the power of the purse is not at all with this House. The power of purse remains where it was before this Regulation came into force, to constitute the Legislative Council. All that we have gained is to say a few words before that power is actually used by the Government. That is not sufficing. We want a real scrutiny of the expenditure in our State. We asked also here inside this House for the appointment of a Public Accounts Committee so that we may scrutinise the course of expenditure of items that are votable and for which the consent of this Council has to be previously obtained, or attempted to be obtained. Even that Accounts Committee has been denied to us; and we, therefore, feel that we have got absolutely no useful function to perform inside this House, and, therefore, we came to that conclusion and cut the administration demand last year unanimously. As far as we are concerned, in the Progressive Party of Cochin, which is only a Political Party, not a Party based upon religion, race, colour, or creed, but a Party based upon principle, we have resolved to press our demands. Therefore, we are politically moving in this land, and we expect the Government also to take note of that. We, as a political party in Cochin, submitted that we shall not be a consenting party to the continuance of this Council unless our demands are satisfied. Therefore, Sir, I am bound to oppose this motion consistent with the policy that we have adopted during the last Budget Session and during the last Medam Session as well. We tried to open the eyes of the Government many a time. I think they have restored the grant.

President.—Your speech is getting long.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Two minutes more, Sir. We opposed the restoration of a grant, and we have made that a public matter. We also opposed even the opening of a Park simply because, not because a Park is not needed, we all love a Park, but upon principle. Therefore, we have to oppose upon principle, though I am satisfied upon the necessity of the expenditure. All that we ask of the Government is that the responsibility may be placed on the shoulders of the Legislative Council. For these reasons I oppose this grant.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—As the Hon'ble Member rightly stated, this is not the first time that this question has been attempted to be raised in this House. During the last Budget

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Session, Sir, when I replied, in my final answer, to the criticisms levelled against the General Administration, I tried to show that the charges that they wanted to be framed against the Government were only a camouflage, so to say, to hide this request for further powers. But then the Hon'ble Members were pleased to dissent from me. They said that the charges then were that the Government were not acceding to the requests of the Members made even within the powers of the Regulation itself. To put it in the words of one of the Hon'ble Members, 'the Government were flouting the intentions and wishes of the Council.' We were not acceding or giving proper weight to their resolutions or their Bills. We were not answering a sufficient number of their questions. We were, in short, in almost all the ways, trying to thwart the working of the Council even within the limits of those powers that the Council has been given. I tried to show then that all that can be done under the existing conditions and under the existing Regulation were being done most properly and correctly, and the Members objected that it was not being done. Well, as the Member for the Jews now quoted, this was the real issue in question then at the Budget Session last year, though the Members were not willing to accept it as the issue in question. Then again, Sir, in the last Medam Session of the Council, when I moved for a further grant for the repair of the furniture here, the Member for Jews raised the very same point, and I referred him and the House to the reply that I gave in the Budget Session, namely, that this is a topic which the Members of this House are not allowed to speak upon or to discuss in this House. Sorry, Sir, that no more reply can I give to the charges which are framed against us to-day by the Hon'ble Member.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—It is only a request. We do not charge you for anything.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—A request if not granted becomes a charge. Otherwise there is no implication or force in it. Therefore, to put it in short, I am not in any position to-day to discuss it at all or to go into the merits of the issue at stake. This is all the reply I wish to give at this moment.

President.—Your turn is over.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Just a word, Sir. I do not know whether there is any rule disallowing me to say something after the Government has made its statement.

President.—I have asked him to reply.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I rise to say a few words about the charges levelled against the non-official Members of this House by the Secretary to the Diwan that we were speaking what we did not mean and that we were camouflaging, etc. I

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want to reply to that. I may be allowed to speak unless I am bound down by the Rules.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—I rise to a point of order. May I know whether there is any rule in the Council Rules that, after the Government Member makes his remarks on a motion, that is brought here, no non-official Member is allowed to speak on that very matter subsequently ?

President.—What we were discussing is the cut motion of Mr. Salem. Then I gave an opportunity to the Members of the Council and waited to see whether anybody was forthcoming to speak on the subject. Nobody rose. Then I asked the Secretary to reply. So we are not now on the supplementary grant. The cut motion is under discussion. I think the Government has made a final reply, and the matter is closed.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Is that a ruling, Sir ?

President.—Yes. When I say that, it becomes a ruling. Do you press the motion ?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I cannot but press the motion.

Motion put and it seemed there was an equality of votes.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—A poll, Sir.

The House divided: *Ayes* 20 *and Noes* 14.

Ayes.	*Noes.*
1 Mr. I. E. Ambooken	1 Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon
2 ,, A. L. Antony	2 ,, S. S. Koder
3 ,, K. J. Antony	3 ,, T. K. Krishna Menon
4 ,, K. Ayyappan	4 ,, T. M. Krishna Menon
5 ,, C. Barton Wright	5 ,, K. Krishna Pisharodi
6 ,, M. A. Chakko	6 Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai
7 ,, A. Eachara Menon	7 Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon
8 Dr. A. G. Menon	8 ,, T. V. Ramalinga Ayyar
9 Mr. A. S. Harihara Ayyar	9 ,, I. Raman Menon
10 ,, E. Ikkanda Warriar	10 Rama Varmha Tampuran
11 ,, K. P. Kannan Nayar	11 Mr. K. Ramunni Menon
12 ,, V. K. Kochunni Menon	12 ,, A. Sankara Menon
13 ,, P. Krishna Menon	13 Dr. E. A. Veigas
14 ,, A. K. Kunhi Moideen	14 Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese
15 ,, C. A. Kunjunni Raja	
16 ,, C. V. Kuriyan	
17 ,, K. Mohamed Seethi	
18 ,, T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar	
19 ,, A. B. Salem	
20 ,, Thomas Manjuran.	

President.—The cut motion is carried. I committed an awful mistake in counting!

5. Public Works—Cranganur.—Rs. 2,500 and Rs. 1,700.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I rise to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 2,500 under Public Works—Cran-

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ganur. This expenditure is for the execution of repairs for the Methala School in Cranganur which was reported by the Director of Public Instruction to be in a dangerous condition, during the course of the year. As it was found on inspection that the repairs to this school could not be postponed, it had to be taken up urgently. This expenditure has become necessary. I request that the demand be sanctioned by this House.

President.—The demand is for both items.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Another amount of Rs. 1,700 for urgent repairs to the Kottapuram road is also found necessary. A small portion of this road was on a very narrow embankment which had to be widened in the interests of public safety. The work has now been completed. I request that this demand may also be sanctioned.

Motion No. 1.

Mr. A.B. Salem.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,500 and 1,700 for Public Works—Cranganur, by Re 1.*

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I withdraw.

Hence the motion was considered withdrawn.

Question proposed: '*That the demand be granted.*'

Question put and agreed to.

6. II—A—I—Agriculture—T. A. Rs. 600.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—I beg to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 600 under 'II—A—1—Agriculture'.

The allotment for the year is Rs. 5,100. Expenditure up to 22nd Mithunam is Rs. 4,734—10—0.

The increase in expenditure is due to increased touring work of the staff for District work, Exhibition and also due to the appointment of one additional Overseer. I had also a lot of touring work during the closing months of the year on account of several important works going on in the various Taluks of the State.

It was thought at first that I would be able to manage with the sanctioned allotment.

I request that the additional allotment of Rs.600 applied for may be sanctioned.

Motion No. 1.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs.600 under II—A—1—Agriculture—T. A. by Re. 1.*

As the Member was absent, the motion was considered withdrawn.

Question proposed: '*That the allotment be granted*'.

Question put and agreed to.

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